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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 43 (Canceled)

44. (Previously presented) A system for coating containers, comprising an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container; a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on that container; and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on that container.

- 45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein each pedestal platform of the first conveyor is selectively actuable to position one of the containers proximate a first heater for heating the area of damaged protective coating on the container.
- 46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein each pedestal platform of the second conveyor is selectively actuable to position one of the containers proximate a carrier unit for depositing protective coating material attached to the carrier unit onto the area of damaged protective coating on the container.
- 47. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container; a rotary manipulator;

at least one heating unit, positioned adjacent the rotary manipulator;

a first conveyor, for supplying containers to the rotary manipulator;

wherein the rotary manipulator rotates the containers to a position proximate the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container, and to a position proximate the at least one heating unit; and

a second conveyor for removing containers from the rotary manipulator.

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- 48. (Canceled)
- (New) A system for coating containers, comprising an apparatus for coating a limited area on a container;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating a limited area on that container; and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating a limited area on that container.